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June 30, 2014

The Honorable Harold Rogers  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2406 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rogers:

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U.S. House of Representatives  
236 Cannon House Office Building  
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328 Cannon House Office Building  
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108 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2449 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2241 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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